GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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Import of Crude Oil
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of crude oil, natural gas, diesel and LPG imported and amount spent in terms of rupee and dollar on imports from various countries including Middle East countries and Iran during the last three years and the current year, country/public/private sector company/ product-wise;
(b) the steps taken to increase the production of crude oil and petroleum products to meet the domestic demands as well as to increase the export of petroleum products and make the country zero import dependence and developing alternative fuel economy in the country including leasing out of potential crude oil wells to private companies;
(c) whether the Government has created/ proposes to create storage reserve of petroleum products to take the benefits of low crude oil prices and rising demand in the country;
(d) if so, the details thereof along with the existing storage capacity of various Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) along with expenditure incurred on construction of caverns and reasons for delay in construction of the said caverns, location/ State/UT-wise;
(e) the details of domestic production and consumption of petroleum products including petrol, diesel, LPG, CNG, crude oil and natural gas capacity of public and private sector companies during the said period along with the steps taken to remove the gap of demand and supply, Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs)/product-wise; and
(f) whether the Government has signed any agreement with other countries to import oil for storage purpose and to take advantage of the sharp fall in the prices of crude oil in the international market and pass on to consumers accordingly and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)
(a): The quantum of crude oil, natural gas, diesel and LPG imported and amount spent in terms of rupee and dollar on imports from various countries including Middle East countries and Iran during the last three years and the current year is given in Annexure-I.
(b): The roadmap for reduction of import of crude oil dependence lays down following steps:
i. Increasing production of oil & gas;
ii. Promoting energy efficiency and conservation measures;
iii. Giving thrust on demand substitution;
iv. Capitalizing untapped potential in biofuels and other alternate fuels/renewable; and
v. Implementing measures for refinery process improvements.
(c) & (d): The Government, through Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserve Limited (ISPRL) has constructed crude oil reserves at Visakhapatnam, Mangalore and Padur. The total storage capacity of these reserves is 5.33 MMT. The total cost of construction of the reserves is Rs 4098.35 Crore. There are local issues relating to laying of 42" diameter pipeline and a 110 KV HT Power line for making the Padur facility operational.
The existing gross tankage of various Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) is 15,446 TMT.
(e): The details of domestic production and consumption of petroleum including petrol, diesel, LPG, crude oil and natural gas capacity of public and private sector companies during the said period are given in Annexure-II.
(f): Public sector OMCs procure crude oil as per Crude Import Policy. Crude Oil is procured on term and spot basis from NOCs and other registered parties with OMCs.
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